

## **Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) Minutes September 19, 2012**

**1. Call to order:**

The monthly meeting was called to order by Walt Christensen at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Sarah Bregant, Carlton Zentner, and Matt Foelker were present. Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) and Beth Klotz, LWCD also attended. Dennis Vollmer arrived at 8:35 a.m. Scott Zimmerman arrived at 8:38.

**2. Roll call (establish a quorum):**

A quorum was established.

**3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law:**

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

**4. Review of the September agenda:**

The September agenda was reviewed by the committee members. Agenda item #8 will be discussed when Dennis Vollmer arrives.

**5. Review and approval of the August meeting minutes:**

Foelker made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as written, Bregant seconded. Motion carried, 4 /0.

**6. Communications:**

There were no communications at this time.

**7. Citizens comments:**

There were no citizen comments.

**8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report:**

Dennis Vollmer presented a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached.

**9. 2012 – 2013 tree sale report**

A brochure for the tree sale was distributed. See attached. The trees have been ordered from Laura's Lane Nursery, LLC., and paid for by the department. Distribution will be in April of 2013. About 1000 trees have been ordered by the public so far. 7950 trees were available for the sale. Planters and sprayers are available for rental. They are housed at the annex building.

**10. Discussion and possible action on highway facility study:**

An offer to purchase was made by another party for the property. Jefferson County has also submitted an offer to purchase and are in line for the property if the other parties offer falls through.

**11. Discussion and possible action on information land values study:**

There is nothing new to report on this item at this time. This item will be on the October agenda.

**12. Notice of Non-compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)**

Floyd Froelich, Alice Kemna, David and Alice Kemna, Kurt Koester, Ronald O and Kay Sweet requested to be removed from the Farmland Preservation Program.

Zentner moved and Foelker seconded to remove Floyd Froelich, Alice Kemna, David and Alice Kemna, Kurt Koester, Ronald O and Kay Sweet from the Farmland Preservation Program. Motion carried, 5 /0.

**13. Cancellation of Notice of Non-compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)**

Stanley Hansen requested cancellation of his Notice of Non-compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) that was issued on 11/12/2008.

Foelker moved and Zimmerman seconded to cancel Stanley Hansen's Notice of Non-compliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – FPP. Motion carried, 5 /0.

**14. Southern Area Tour report**

Thirty four people attended the southern area tour on August 28, 2012. Dorothy Carnes Park, the Sullivan Weather Station, Carlin Weld Park, and Standard Process were places visited on the tour. The general consensus was that it was an informative and enjoyable tour.

**15. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) financial report:**

The most current revenue and expenditure sheets were distributed. See attached. The department is on target for expenses and revenues at this time. The 2013 LWCD budget was approved by the Finance Committee on Monday. The submitted budget was \$429 less than the 2012 budget. Increased FPP fees offset decreases in the DATCP grant.

**16. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:**

It was decided by the members that the next scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 8:30 in Room 202. Possible agenda items include: Monthly financial report, discussion and possible action on proposed highway facility study, and discussion and possible action on information regarding land values.

**17. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Zimmerman and seconded by Christensen at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried, 5/0.